

## Kamala Harris' election would defy history. Just 1 sitting VP has been elected president since 1836

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**NEW YORK (AP) —** As Vice President Kamala Harris begins her fall campaign for the White House, she can look to history and hope for better luck than others in her position who have tried the same. Since 1836, only one sitting vice president, George H.W. Bush in 1988, has been elected to the White House. Among those who tried and failed were Richard Nixon in 1960, Hubert Humphrey in 1968 and Al Gore in 2000. All three lost in narrow elections shaped by issues ranging from war and scandal to crime and the subtleties of televised debates. But two other factors proved crucial for each vice president: whether the incumbent president was well-liked and whether the president and vice president enjoyed a productive relationship.



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Vice President George Bush fields a question during a news conference in front of his Kennebunkport, Maine, home, May 27, 1988, with his wife, Barbara, right.

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"You really do want those elements to come together," says Julian Zelizer, a professor of history and public affairs at Princeton University. "If the person the vice president is working for is popular, that means people like what he's doing and you can gain from that. And you need to have the two principals working together."

In 1988, Bush easily defeated Democrat Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts governor whom Republicans labeled as ineffectual and out of touch. Bush was otherwise helped by a solid economy, the easing of Cold War tensions and some rare luck for a vice president. President Ronald Reagan's approval ratings rose through much of the year after falling sharply in the wake of the 1986-87 Iran-Contra scandal, and Reagan and Bush worked well together during the campaign. Reagan openly backed his vice president, who had run against him in the 1980 primaries. He praised Bush at the Republican convention as an engaged and invaluable partner, appeared with him at a California rally and spoke at gatherings in Michigan, New Jersey and Missouri.

"Reagan was not a man to hold grudges," said historian-journalist Jonathan Darman. "And Bush did a good job of navigating the complexity of their relationship while he was vice president."

Past vice presidents who ran When Gore ran in 2000, his advantages were similar to those enjoyed by George H.W. Bush. The economy was strong, the country was at peace and the president, Bill Clinton, had high approval ratings despite his recent impeachment over his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Gore had worked closely with Clinton over the previous eight years, but the scandal led to enduring



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during the Democratic National Convention Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, in Chicago.

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tensions between them. He minimized the president's presence during the campaign and pronounced himself "my own man" during his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention. Commentators would cite his distance from Clinton as a setback in a historically close race, decided by a margin of fewer than 1,000 votes in Florida. "Instead of finding a way to embrace the accomplishments of the Clinton administration, Gore ran away from Clinton as fast as his legs could carry him," Slate's Jacob Weisberg wrote soon after the election.

Like Gore, Nixon could not — or would not — capitalize on the incumbent Dwight Eisenhower's popularity. In 1960, Eisenhower was still so admired as he neared the end of his second term that Nixon's opponent, Democrat John F. Kennedy, feared the president's active support would prove critical. But Eisenhower and Nixon had a complicated relationship dating back to when Eisenhower ran eight years earlier. He had chosen Nixon as his running mate, but nearly dropped him because of the so-called Checkers scandal, in which Nixon was accused of misusing

funds donated by political backers.

Nixon was more than 20 years younger than Eisenhower, the victorious World War II commander who often looked upon his vice president as a junior officer, according to Nixon biographer John A. Farrell. At the end of a summer press conference in 1960, Eisenhower was asked if he could cite Nixon's influence on any important decision. He answered, "If you give me a week, I might think of one." Meanwhile, Nixon was reluctant to have Eisenhower campaign, out of a desire to forge his own path, and, allegedly, out of concern for the 70-year-old president.

"Nixon very much wanted to be his own man," says Farrell, whose prize-winning "Richard Nixon" was published in 2017. "He always said he was worried about Eisenhower's health, but there are also anecdotes that Eisenhower was chafing at the bit. Both could be true."

Nixon's luck changed when he ran eight years later against Lyndon B. Johnson's vice president. No vice president was more entrapped by his predecessor than Hubert Humphrey, whose candidacy was only possible because

Johnson decided not to seek reelection.

Humphrey faced challenges within the party from the anti-war candidates Eugene McCarthy and Robert F. Kennedy (who was assassinated in June 1968 after winning the California primary) and was tied to Johnson's divisive, hawkish stance.

Humphrey privately advocated a less hardline approach to the war, but Johnson intimidated him into silence and he trailed Nixon badly in many polls. Only in the fall did Humphrey diverge and call for a bombing halt with North Vietnam. The vice president rallied, but ended up losing the popular vote by less than a percentage point while falling short more decisively in the Electoral College.

"Johnson did catastrophic damage to Humphrey, in my opinion," says Boston Globe columnist Michael Cohen, author of a book on the 1968 election, "American Carnage."

How does Harris fare?

Like Johnson, President Joe Biden declared he wouldn't seek a new term less than a year before Election Day, though he waited much longer in the cycle than Johnson did. Unlike Humphrey, Harris quickly consol-

idated Democratic support and accepted her party's nomination at an uplifting convention that concluded without significant damage from protests, unlike the violence-marred 1968 event in the same city, Chicago.

In an AP-NORC survey conducted in July, after Biden dropped out of the race, about 4 in 10 Americans approved of his performance as president, roughly where his approval numbers have stood since the summer of 2021 and comparable to those of the Republican nominee, Donald Trump. Eisenhower, Reagan and Clinton frequently held higher approval ratings than Biden, although all served in less polarized eras.

Harris wants to succeed a president who himself served as vice president and ran for president, four years later. President Barack Obama discouraged Biden from seeking election in 2016 and waited to endorse Biden in 2020 until the crowded Democratic primary field was clear.

"Obama became an enthusiastic backer, which helped unify the party at a time when Biden's record on race in the 1990s, including his support for the crime bill, was fueling doubts among young progressive voters," Biden biographer Evan Osnos says. "Obama's endorsement of Biden was about more than his candidacy; it was about his character, and that proved to be important."

As president, Biden has worked to include Harris on his major policy calls and conversations with foreign leaders. He's pledged to be Harris' top campaign volunteer and to do whatever she asks of him for her election, though aides are still determining where the still-unpopular president would best be utilized. On Labor Day, Biden and Harris will appear together in Pittsburgh for a campaign event in a key swing state, Pennsylvania. □



# Biden pushed Gaza pier over warnings it would undercut other aid routes, watchdog says

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden ordered the construction of a temporary pier to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza this year even as some at the U.S. Agency for International Development expressed concerns that the effort would be difficult to accomplish and undercut the effort to persuade Israel to open “more efficient” land crossings to get food into the territory, according to the agency’s internal watchdog.

Biden announced plans to use the temporary pier in his State of the Union address in March to hasten the delivery of aid to the Palestinian territory besieged by war between Israel and Hamas.

But the \$230 million military-run project known as the Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore system, or JLOTS, would only operate for about 20 days. Aid groups pulled out of the project by July, ending a mission plagued by repeated weather and security problems that limited how much food and other emergency supplies could get to starving Palestinians.

“Multiple USAID staff expressed concerns that the focus on using JLOTS would



U.S. Army soldiers stand next to trucks arriving loaded with humanitarian aid at the U.S.-built floating pier Trident before reaching the beach on the coast of the Gaza Strip, June 25, 2024.

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detract from the Agency’s advocacy for opening land crossings, which were seen as more efficient and proven methods of transporting aid into Gaza,” the inspector general said in a report published Tuesday. “However, once the President issued the directive, the Agency’s focus was to use JLOTS as effectively as possible.”

At the time Biden announced plans for the floating pier, the United Nations was reporting that vir-

tually all of Gaza’s 2.3 million people were struggling to find food and more than a half-million were facing starvation.

The Biden administration set a goal of the U.S. sea route and pier providing food to feed 1.5 million of Gaza’s people for 90 days. It fell short, bringing in enough to feed about 450,000 people for a month before shutting down. High waves and bad weather repeatedly damaged the pier, and the U.N. World Food Program

ended cooperation with the project after an Israeli rescue operation used an area nearby to whisk away hostages, raising concerns about whether its workers would be seen as neutral and independent in the conflict.

National Security Council spokesman Sean Savett said the project “had a real impact” of getting food to hungry Palestinian civilians despite the obstacles.

“The bottom line is that given how dire the humani-

tarian situation in Gaza is, the United States has left no stone unturned in our efforts to get more aid in, and the pier played a key role at a critical time in advancing that goal,” Savett said in a statement Tuesday.

The Defense Department said the pier “achieved its goal of providing an additive means of delivering high volumes of humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza to help address the acute humanitarian crisis.” The U.S. military knew from the outset “there would be challenges as part of this in this complex emergency,” the department’s statement added. Its inspector general also is conducting an evaluation.

The USAID watchdog’s report alleged that the United States had failed to honor commitments it had made with the World Food Program to get the U.N. agency to agree to take part in distributing supplies from the pier into Palestinian hands.

The U.S. agreed to conditions set by the program, including that the pier would be placed in north Gaza, where the need for aid was greatest, and that a U.N. member nation would provide security for the pier. □

# Congresswomen press FDA on why a proposal to ban hair-straightening chemicals is delayed

By KENYA HUNTER

AP Health Writer

Two U.S. House members who first pushed the Food and Drug Administration in 2023 to investigate the health risks of hair straighteners used primarily by Black women are now asking the agency why it has twice delayed its target date to propose a ban on products containing formaldehyde, which studies link to increased rates of cancer.

Democratic Reps. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Shontel Brown of Ohio pressed the FDA in a letter to finalize the proposed rule

for banning certain salon-grade and at-home hair straighteners. Rep. Nydia Velazquez of New York joined Pressley and Brown in spearheading the letter, which was dated Tuesday. The FDA gave notice of a possible rule in 2023 with an initial target date to release the proposal in April. That was then moved to July before jumping to September. The letter from Pressley, Brown and Velazquez all of whom are up for reelection this year asks FDA Commissioner Robert Califf to provide specific reasons for the delay.

Pressley told The Associat-

ed Press that Black women look to straightening treatments in part because of hair discrimination.

“If you do a Google search right now of unprofessional work hairstyles, you’ll be besieged by images of Black women,” said Pressley, who also believes another delay could cause more health issues for communities of color. “Everything from protective styles, Senegalese twists or braids like I wore for many years, or afros or locs ... I just want everyone to be able to show up fully, authentically and unapologetically, without fear and without discrimination.”

It isn’t uncommon for the FDA to have items on the regulatory agenda for years. □



This combination of 2021-2023 photos shows U.S. Reps. Shontel Brown, D-Ohio, left; Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., and Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y.

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# Health insurance providers to fund street doctors and clinics to serve LA's homeless population

By **EUGENE GARCIA and JANIE HAR**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A public agency and private health insurance provider are teaming up to build a system of street doctors and clinics that will provide medical care to Los Angeles' homeless population, including routine preventive medicine, officials announced Wednesday.

The goal is for homeless residents to see primary care physicians long term, rather than sporadically through visits from resource-strapped street medicine teams that struggle to make follow-up appointments or ensure patients receive their prescriptions, said Dr. Sameer Amin, chief medical officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, a Los Angeles County agency that provides health insurance for low-income individuals.

Officials with L.A. Care Health Plan and Health Net, a U.S. health care insurance provider, said they will commit \$90 million from the state over five years to the effort. LA County is the nation's most populous, with about 10 million peo-



**A homeless person walks past Wesley Health Centers' mobile clinic in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024.**

ple. More than 10% of all homeless people in the U.S. live in the county, according to a 2023 federal count. In the city of Los Angeles, more than 45,000 people many suffering from serious mental illness, substance addictions or both live in litter-strewn encampments and where rows of rusting RVs line entire blocks. The spread of homelessness

has had cascading effects on drug overdose deaths, especially from the synthetic opioid fentanyl.

The tally of unhoused people in the city of about 4 million, one of the nation's largest, is about equal to the population of Palm Springs. The providers say they hope to serve as many as 85,000 homeless people. Of the money, \$60 million

will go toward beefing up the field medicine program throughout the county, bringing services to residents who live in encampments, shelters or in temporary housing. The rest of the money will bolster services on Skid Row, a notorious section of downtown Los Angeles with sprawling homeless encampments. It includes a new health

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campus expected to open in 2025.

"We're putting up extended hours for specialty care, extended hours for more urgent services," Amin said. On Tuesday, a mobile health care team from Wesley Health Centers rolled through Skid Row, passing tents, tarps and people stretched out on blankets. The team offered HIV and STD testing, psychiatric services, and referrals for other care, such as dental and vision, said Marie McAfee, director of operations for Wesley health. She said they can see between 50 to 100 patients in a day. Norma Terrazas, 46, appreciates that the clinic comes to her. She had her blood pressure checked.

"This is Skid Row and we need help. We need all the help we can get," she said. "They make sure that our health is OK, our bodies are strong and that we can withstand anything right now." Martha Santana-Chin of Health Net said she's excited about the possibility of more cardiology, orthopedic and other specialty care for people in Skid Row. □

# Former police officer accused of killing pregnant girlfriend and staging it as a suicide

By **STEVE LeBLANC and NICK PERRY**

**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — A former



**Acting United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Joshua Levy, right, takes questions from reporters as FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Stephen Kelleher, left, looks on during a news conference Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024, in Boston, held to announce the arrest of former Stoughton Police Detective Matthew Farwell on murder charges.**

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Massachusetts police officer pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of killing a woman he is accused of sexually exploiting when she was underage and then trying to stage the death as a suicide after she told him she was pregnant.

Matthew Farwell entered the plea during an initial appearance in federal court in Boston. He was handcuffed and led out of the room. A follow-up court hearing was scheduled for Oct. 17.

Farwell was indicted this week on charges he strangled Sandra Birchmore in early 2021 after she told him that she was pregnant and he was the father.

Birchmore was 23 years old at the time.

Farwell killed Birchmore to prevent authorities from finding out details of his sexual offenses, according to allegations in the indictment.

Farwell worked as an officer for the police department in Stoughton, south of Boston, for 10 years, from 2012 until 2022. It wasn't immediately clear why he left the department.

Birchmore began participating in the police explorers program when she was 12 years old, according to the indictment in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts. Court documents say that Farwell, who was a police explorers volunteer, used

his authority and access to groom, sexually exploit and then sexually abuse Birchmore when she was 15 and that he continued to have sex with her when she became an adult.

In late 2020, Birchmore found out she was pregnant and told Farwell, according to the indictment. The next month, a friend of Birchmore's called the Stoughton Police Department to tell them Farwell had been having sex with Birchmore. Farwell strangled Birchmore on about Feb. 1, 2021, and then staged her apartment to make it look as though she had died by suicide, according to the indictment. □



# U.N. demands halt to escalating attacks between Hezbollah and Israeli forces

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** —

The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday demanded a halt to the increasing attacks between Lebanon's Hezbollah militants and Israeli forces and warned that further escalation "carries the high risk of leading to a widespread conflict." Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah pulled back after an exchange of heavy fire across the U.N.-drawn boundary between Lebanon and Israel over the weekend. But their decades-old conflict is far from over and regional tensions linked to the war in Gaza are still high.

The Security Council demand that Israel and Hezbollah halt hostilities which is not legally binding came in a French-drafted resolution unanimously approved by its 15 members, urging the "relevant actors" to restore "calm, restraint and stability."

"The risk of open warfare remains real, and we are mobilized alongside our regional and international partners to avoid a regional conflagration," France's deputy U.N. ambassador, Nathalie Broadhurst, said before the vote.



Civil Defense workers inspect the remains of a burned car that was hit by an Israeli strike in the southern port city of Sidon, Lebanon, Monday, Aug. 26, 2024.

**Associated Press**

Israel's U.N. ambassador, Danny Danon, told reporters that he had a message for the Lebanese people: "You and your government have a choice to make, confront Hezbollah today or watch as your country is dragged into chaos and destruction."

Lebanon's representative, Hadi Hachem, was far more diplomatic, thanking the council after the vote for its clear message "in favor of stability and a cease-

fire." And he urged members: "Let's work together, not only to end the escalation" but toward "a just and comprehensive peace."

The resolution extended for another year the mandate of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon known as UNIFIL, which was created to oversee the withdrawal of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon after a 1978 invasion and has been there ever since.

The Security Council ex-

panded the mission after a 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah so that peacekeepers could deploy along the Lebanon-Israel border to help Lebanese troops extend their authority into their country's south for the first time in decades. That resolution also called for a full cessation of Israeli-Hezbollah hostilities, which has not happened. Hezbollah supporters in Lebanon frequently accuse the U.N. mission of col-

lusion with Israel, while Israel has accused the peacekeepers of turning a blind eye to Hezbollah's military activities in southern Lebanon.

During the ongoing clashes between Hezbollah and Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, UNIFIL facilities or vehicles have been hit by shelling or gunfire on several occasions. Earlier this month, UNIFIL said three peacekeepers on patrol were lightly injured when an explosion happened near their vehicle.

Israel's Danon blamed Hezbollah for launching unprovoked attacks against Israel starting the day after Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks in southern Israel, which ignited the war in Gaza. Since then, he said, more than 8,000 rockets, 300 explosive drones and 1,500 anti-tank missiles have been launched against Israel, forcing over 60,000 Israelis in the north to leave their homes.

Danon accused Hezbollah of firing from southern Lebanon within UNIFIL's area of operations in violation of the 2006 ceasefire resolution and showed the council photos that he claimed were near some of its facilities. □

# Haitian and Kenyan police try to oust gangs from a rough part of Haiti's capital

By **EVENS SANON**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** —

Haitian forces working with police sent from Kenya have launched a joint operation to oust criminal gangs from one of the roughest neighborhoods of Haiti's capital, Prime Minister Garry Conille said Wednesday.

Conille spoke at a hospital in Port-au-Prince where three Haitian policemen were recuperating after being injured in a shootout Tuesday during the joint operation in the impoverished and gang-controlled neighborhood of Bel Air.

"I am tired of seeing police

officers beings shot. I am tired of going to police officers' funerals. We must solve this insecurity problem," Conille said.

Conille did not provide further details of the operation and did not take questions during his brief news conference, but he called on Haitians to cooperate with police and share information to help reduce crime. More than 3,200 killings have been reported in Haiti from January to May. Gangs that control 80% of Port-au-Prince have left more than half a million people homeless in recent years as they fight to control more territory.

"It's not going to be quick," Conille said. "We must be patient."

Earlier in the day, a police union reported that a female officer was killed while going to work on Wednesday, with more than a dozen bullet holes found in her windshield. Michelle Nathanielle Megine is one of roughly two dozen officers killed so far this year.

A U.N.-backed mission led by Kenya has sent some 400 police officers to Haiti so far to help quell gang violence. Police and soldiers from countries including Benin, Chad and Jamaica also are expected to arrive in coming months

for a total of 2,500 foreign personnel. □



Haitian Prime Minister Garry Conille, center left, speaks with Police Chief Normil Rameau at Bernard Mevs Hospital where he visited injured police officers in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024.

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# Maduro opponents take to streets to revive protests disputing Venezuelan election results

By **JOSHUA GOODMAN**  
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Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela**

**(AP)** — Opponents of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro took to the streets Wednesday in an attempt to revive protests against him as he tightens his grip on power following last month's disputed election. The demonstration in the capital, Caracas, comes exactly a month after the fraught July 28 vote in which Maduro was declared the winner despite strong evidence that opposition candidate Edmundo González won by a nearly 2-to-1 margin, which drew international condemnation that the vote lacked transparency.

In weeks of on-again, off-again demonstrations, the opposition's rallying cry has been constant but so far ineffective. Opponents have demanded that officials publish results from each polling station that they say would expose Maduro's attempts to steal the election.

"Voting records kill sentence," is how the opposition billed the latest protest, referring to the thousands



**Maria Corina Machado leads a protest against the reelection of President Nicolás Maduro one month after the disputed presidential vote which she claims the opposition won by a landslide, in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024.**

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of tally sheets it collected and posted online that contradict a recent sentence written by the loyalist Supreme Court certifying Maduro's purported victory.

Wednesday's protest was smaller than previous demonstrations. Tiny groups of Venezuelans also gathered in other Latin America capitals.

Opposition leader Maria Corina Machado, who along with González went into hiding following the election, re-emerged to attend Wednesday's rally, waving a Venezuelan flag and hugging small children from the back of a truck as supporters shouted "Freedom!"

Banned from running against Maduro, the

conservative politician crisscrossed the nation for weeks to help elect González, a previously unknown former diplomat. Acknowledging the steep challenge of forcing Maduro from power, Machado said the movement she leads will be strategic about calling for additional demonstrations. But she said the international pres-

sure on Maduro is unlikely to cease any time soon and pointed out that not a single Western democracy has recognized what she called Maduro's "fraud."

"Those who say the passage of time favors Maduro are wrong," Machado said to throngs of supporters who filled an avenue in Caracas. "Every day he's more isolated, more toxic." Not to be outdone, Maduro's supporters also planned to hold rallies Wednesday, vowing to "defend" Maduro's victory against what they claim is an attempt to sow unrest throughout the South American country.

Amid the ongoing crisis, Maduro has leaned heavily on security forces to preserve his power. On Tuesday, he appointed a hard-line ruling party boss as interior minister, with oversight of police forces. Diosdado Cabello has vowed to show no mercy against government opponents. Cabello's appointment stoked fears that a crackdown that has already led to more than 2,000 arrests of journalists, politicians and students is likely to intensify. □

# Spain's leader starts West Africa tour with agreements to combat people smuggling

By **RENATA BRITO**

Associated Press

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** —

Spain's prime minister announced a series of agreements with the West African

nation of Mauritania on Tuesday to stem a surge in migrants making the dangerous Atlantic journey to the Canary Islands.

Speaking alongside Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani in Nouakchott, Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said Spain will expand its circular migration program to Mauritians and renew cooperation between the two nations' security forces to combat people smuggling and trafficking networks. "Despite the rhetoric that is growing in Europe, migration is not a problem," Sánchez said, openly recognizing the need for migrant workers in Spain's aging society.

"It is a need that involves certain problems, and for this we must push formulas that allow us to manage the phenomenon of migration in a humane, safe and orderly way, to benefit our respective societies."

Sánchez is on a three-day tour of West Africa to reinforce bilateral relations with Mauritania, Gambia and Senegal, where the majority of migrant boats reaching the Canary Islands are being launched from.

The Spanish archipelago located close to the African coast and used as a stepping stone for migrants and refugees trying to reach continental Europe has seen more than 22,000

people land on its shores since January, more than double the number of irregular arrivals for the same period last year, according to Spain's Interior Ministry.

"Until not long ago Spain was also a country of migrants ... they aspired to better lives, much like those who take great risks and take on this dangerous adventure," Sánchez said.

Among those making it to the Canaries are thousands of Malian refugees fleeing violence and instability in the Sahelian nation as well as youth from Senegal, Mauritania and other West African countries who are seeking better job opportunities abroad. □



**Migrants disembark at the port of on "La Estaca" in Valverde at the Canary island of El Hierro, Spain, Monday, Aug. 26, 2024. Migrants arrived by boat after a thirteen-day voyage from the coast of Senegal.**

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## Chef Urvin Croes Invited to Participate in "BogotaEats"



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gotaEats,' one of South America's most prominent culinary festivals. Additionally, Chef Urvin has been invited to the Dominican Republic to collaborate with Chef Jason Howard, a former MasterChef winner, in promoting high-level Caribbean cuisine. This international acclaim underscores the impact Chef Urvin is making both locally and abroad. The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) has played a crucial role in supporting these opportunities, recognizing the value of showcasing Aruba's culinary excellence on an international stage.

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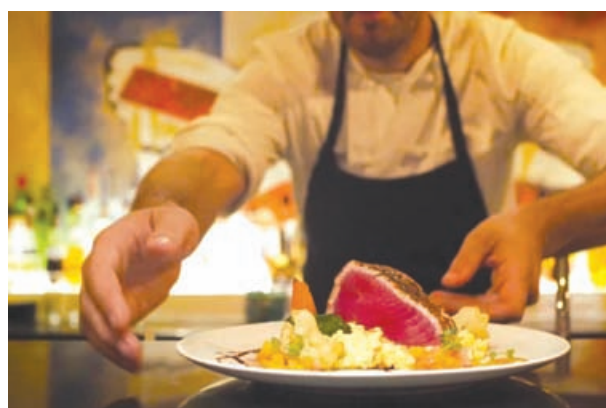
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In essence, Papillon isn't just a restaurant; it's an oasis for epicurean explorers. It's where passion meets refinement, where every dish is a masterpiece waiting to be savored, and every moment is a celebration of the finer things in life. So if you're craving the warmth of French Caribbean delights, Papillon invites you to join them on an unforgettable journey for the senses. Bon appétit!

Papillon is located in Palm Beach in front of the Hilton Resort, and open from 5pm to 10pm. Early Bird takes places from 5pm to 7pm. For reservations or more information please contact the restaurant at +297 699 5400, e-mail them at [info@papillonaruba.com](mailto:info@papillonaruba.com) or visit their website at [papillonaruba.com](http://papillonaruba.com) □





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## Place names in San Nicolas and their origins

(Oranjestad)--If you're ever taking a tour of Aruba, San Nicolas would definitely be on your itinerary. From relaxing on the white, sandy beaches of Baby and Roger's Beach, to exploring the prehistoric caves of Quadirikiri and Fontein, you are taking in a full view of what San Nicolas has to offer. But did you know that you are also passing through areas whose names have historical origins? Here are a few place names in San Nicolas and their origin story.

### Sero Colorado

On your way to Baby or Roger's Beach, you'll pass by the famous Red Anchor at what was once the entrance to the Colony residential community and be greeted with red soiled hills by the coast. This is Sero Colorado. Named after the 30-meter, deep red, limestone hill, "Sero Colorado" translates to "Colored Hill". Sero Colorado has deep historical ties with the once-thriving phosphate industry in the area. Matter of fact, there are still underground shafts and passages deep in Sero Colorado from the time of phosphate mining. In 1958, the refinery at the time, Lago, adopted this name for the residential section of its employees.

### Vader Piet

Another well visited area, Vader Piet is located in the Arikok National Park. Recognizable sites within this area includes the Wind Mills and the Quadirikiri Cave. The origin of this name is part historical and speculation, as there are slight deviations from what actually happened.



In 1829, Pieter Lampe was a planter and the person responsible for governing this remote area. As the story goes, Pieter was well known and beloved for his kindness and good treatment of his employees, and was therefore also called Vader Piet (Father Piet). However, he was tragically murdered—some speculate at the hands of a slave. For his work and good heart, the area was named after him.

### San Nicolas

Of course we can't forget San Nicolas itself. Much like Vader Piet, the origin of the name San Nicolas has so far two different accounts. In the literal sense, "San Nicolas" translates to "Saint Nicolas", leading many to believe that this district was named after a Spanish saint. Though one account does support this with the theory that the district was named after the saint by Spanish colonizers, the other account is much less divine, but does refer to

an influential figure in the area.

Nicolaas van der Biest was a successful landowner during the time of the phosphate boom in late 19th century Aruba. Back then, landowners (most, if not all of them men) were referred to as "Shon" by their subordinates. So, the district was originally named after Shon Nicolaas. Over time, the name evolved into what is now San Nicolas. □

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## Snakes you may encounter on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—If you have ever or will ever go off-roading on the island, you may encounter three types of snakes that are dominant on the island. The Cascabel, Santanero and Boa differ from each other in a couple ways, and local perspective on each one may help you understand what you need to do if you ever were to encounter one during your touring session on the island.

### Cascabel (*Crotalus unicolor*)

The small Cascabel or Aruba Island Rattlesnake averages 70 cm in length. The body color is often uniform gray or light brown. There may be a faint pattern of diamond shaped markings on the back. This pattern is most noticeable on younger snakes. The most distinctive feature of this snake is the rattle at the end of its tail which makes a buzzing sound when the snake is alarmed. Cascabels are shy and not aggressive, but their venom can be dangerous to humans. In fact, it's the only venomous snake native to the island. It is best to leave this snake alone. Do not attempt to catch or kill it, as it could not only be dangerous, but this snake is also endemic to the island, and its preservation has become a legal mandate for all residents and visitors.

Cascabels hunt by waiting under bushes and fruiting trees to catch passing lizards, mice, rats, small rabbits, and an occasional bird. This is often considered to be one of the rarest rattlesnakes in the world. The range of the Cascabel is restricted to the rugged and mountainous areas of the island mostly within Arikok National Park. The Arikok National Park was designated in the early 1980s to include most of the rattlesnake's population, providing a safe refuge in which the snake can be protected and monitored. The government has also implemented outreach and education initiatives to change local perception of the snake and highlight its ecological and economic importance – it is now being promoted as a national symbol. Arikok's partnership with the Toledo zoo has safeguarded the rattlesnake ex-situ and led to a number of research projects collecting critical data on the Cascabel's abundance, life history and habitat requirement to help guide future conservation efforts.

### Santanero

The slender Santanero or Aruban Cat-eyed Snake is a small fella, typically less than 50 cm long. This snake is recognizable by the large scales on the top of its head and by its pattern of dark brown bands alternating with light brown bands. The belly is plain white or cream

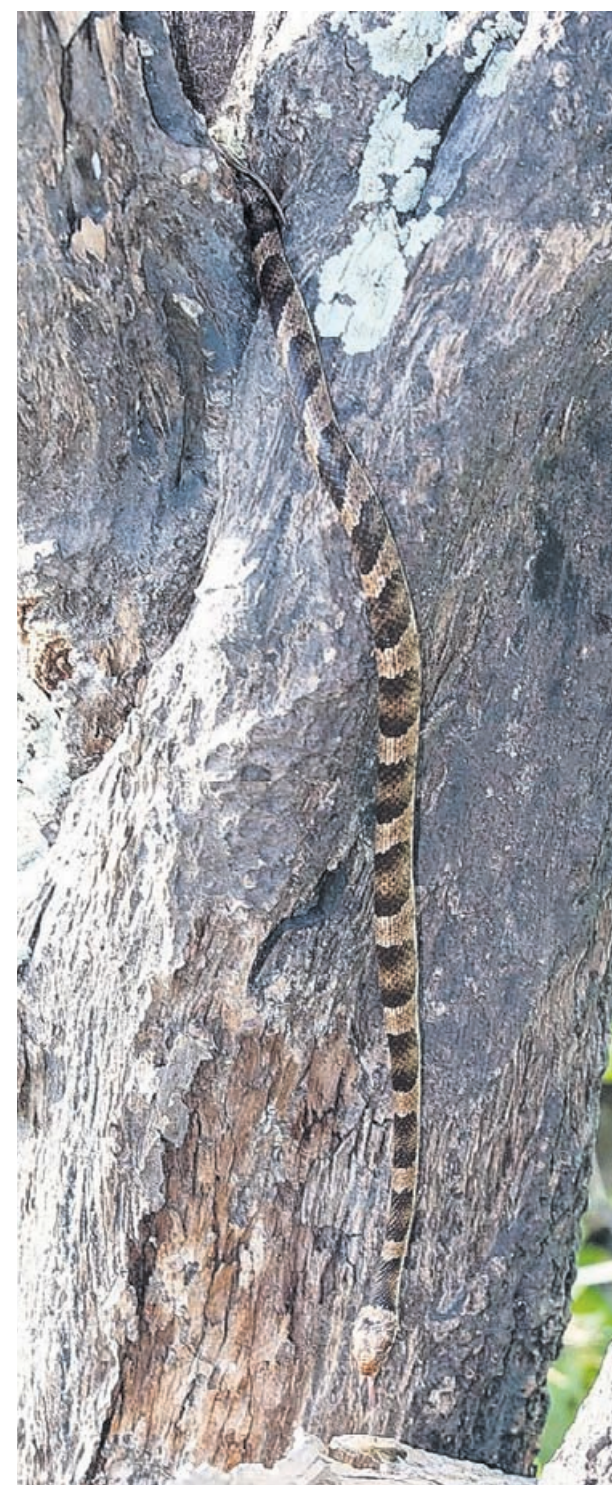


colored without any markings. Native as well to the island, this snake is shy and not aggressive. However, it has enlarged teeth at the back of its mouth and mild venom which is not dangerous to humans, but can paralyze small lizards and frogs. Santaneros are most active at night when they search for food. During the day, they hide under rocks or leaves. They frequently climb trees and cactus. Santaneros eat toads, frogs, insects, and lizards. You may find Santaneros near dams during periods of rainy weather or crossing roads at night. This snake is found island wide. A Santanero in your garden will keep away the unwanted insects. If you encounter a Santanero around your garden, please do not harm this species.

### Boa (*Boa constrictor*)

Boas are Aruba's largest snakes. The longest Boa found on the island was slightly less than 3 m. Newborn Boas average 35 cm. Boas are not venomous but are what is called constrictor snakes; they kill by wrapping themselves around a prey and suffocating them. The most distinctive feature of a Boa is its pattern of dark brown and tan blotches which become red toward the tail. The belly is white or cream colored with numerous black spots. Boas are excellent climbers and may be found in trees and cactus. Boas also hide in the leaves under bushes waiting to catch prey that pass. Boas catch their prey with their teeth and then constrict it in their coils. The Boa's diet consists of birds, lizards, rats, mice, and rabbits. Large Boas have been known to eat small goats and chickens. When threatened, Boas will hiss loudly.

Boas are a non-native species and are invasive to the island, risking the population of native lizards and birds. The first Boas were reported on the island in 1999. Since that time they have been found across the entire island in all types of habitats. If you ever encounter a Boa, please do not approach it. Instead, please call the Arikok National Park, as they are experienced in handling Boas. □





# The district of Savaneta

## A quick history guide to the island's first capital

**(Oranjestad)—Before Oranjestad became the island nation's capital, Aruba's first capital was the district of Savaneta. Here is where the cultural identity of Aruba was born, and from where the rest of the island developed into what it is today.**

Savaneta is said to have been the first place where the Caquetio inhabitants first stepped foot on the island. Though there isn't hard evidence to back this up, but considering the legend of the Cacique Arua, it is believed that there were already movements on Aruba—and Savaneta—around 88 AD.

The Caquetios probably made their way to the island either from Venezuela, Colombia or other Caribbean islands in the region, but with good weather it was relatively easy for them to travel back and forth in their canoes. So, since the Caquetios discovered the island, Aruba found her first form of civilization.

It wasn't until 1499 when Aruba met another group of people who set foot on the island: the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda. De Ojeda first took notice of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela, during his exploration of the Latin American country. This was on August 9th, 1499. However, de Ojeda didn't actually sail to the island till 4 days later, on August 23rd, 1499. This was the beginning of the Spanish era on Aruba (1499-1636).

Alonso usually didn't stop at every island or land he saw, especially not in the Caribbean. He would often take notice of land from afar and continue sailing. However,

Aruba was an exception. He had heard that there were "quebracho" trees on the island, which were commonly used to produce dye or paint. But since these trees could not be found in Savaneta, he continued to search in the area of what is now known as Santa Cruz. The best way to transport the tree barks was via a route passing through Savaneta, and so the first road between Savaneta and Santa Cruz was made.

### The Dutch colonial era (1636-1805)

During the 80-year war between The Netherlands and Spain, Dutch explorers and merchants began to travel to the ABC islands. Once they landed in Aruba, they deported the small Arawakan and Spanish community that was living on the island. This was the beginning of colonization of the ABC islands by the Dutch empire. Around the same, the West Indian Company (WIC) was born. Bonaire and Curaçao were mostly used for plantations, where the Dutch had transported slaves from Africa. Aruba, on the other hand, was mostly used to raise cattle and to house the haring factory. The Dutch had often forced the indigenous community to work for them.

In 1636, when the Netherlands won the war against Spain, the country surrendered the islands to the Dutch.

The Dutch administration appointed the island's first commander, an Irish man named N. Williams. Because the Dutch were interested in other Caribbean islands and countries in South America, they imported Dutch merchants and business



Commandeursbaai (Commander's Bay) at Savaneta

men, all of whom resided in Savaneta. This way, Savaneta officially became the island's first capital.

However, at the end of the 18th century, the commander at the time, J.R. Lauffer, moved his office to what is now "Horse Bay" in Oranjestad. Because the highest office on the island moved away from Savaneta, the capital lost its title to what was called then Playa.

### How Savaneta got its name

The name Savaneta probably has a Spanish origin. It was said that when the Spanish climbed a hill called Yara, they saw that the area was mostly open and had no big trees. In Spanish, such a land area is called a "sabana".

Because of its land surface, Sava-

neta was a great place to construct cattle farms. From here, the farmer culture on Aruba was born. Before the Aruban Gold Rush and the construction of the Refinery in San Nicolas, most residents were farmers, and Savaneta had many inhabitants that farmed fruits and vegetables. They also continued the tradition of raising cattle, like goat, sheep, pigs and horses. Savaneta was one of the first places on the island to have a general farming culture. From this culture, many other traditions were born, like the Dera Gay Holiday that we celebrate every year on June 24th. □

**Source: Historia di Savaneta (History of Savaneta) by Adolf "Dufi" Kock.**



Alonso de Ojeda



"Quebracho" (Kibrahacha) tree; used to make dye and paint



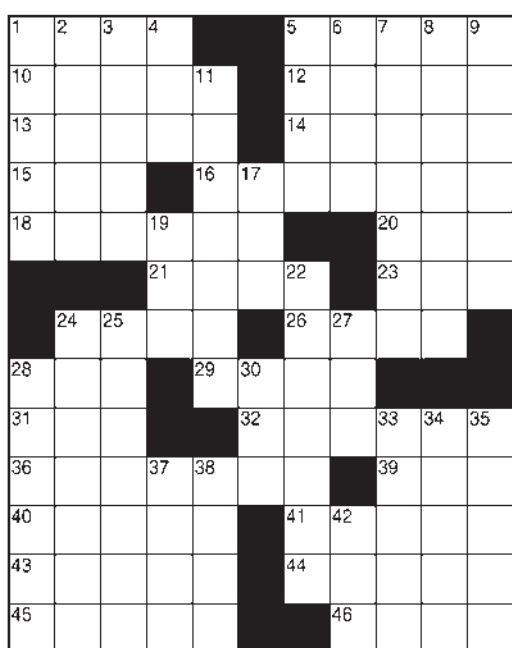
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## Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

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Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

### Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

### Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

### Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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## Sweaty corn is making it even more humid

By **MELINA WALLING**  
**Associated Press**

Barb Boustead remembers learning about corn sweat when she moved to Nebraska about 20 years ago to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and found herself plunked down in an ocean of corn. The term for the late-summer spike in humidity from corn plants cooling themselves was "something that locals very much know about," Boustead, a meteorologist and climatologist, recalled.

But this hallmark of Mid-western summer might be growing stickier thanks to climate change and the steady march of industrial agriculture. Climate change is driving warmer temperatures and warmer nights and allowing the atmosphere to hold more moisture. It's also changed growing conditions, allowing farmers to plant corn further north and increasing the total amount of



**Storm clouds build above a corn field Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, near Platte City, Mo.**

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corn in the United States. Farmers are also planting more acres of corn, in part to meet demand for ethanol, according to the USDA's Economic Research Service. □

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## What's hot in theaters? Old movies and some that aren't so old

By **JAKE COYLE**

AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When Jennifer Kent's "The Babadook" opened in theaters a decade ago, it played at two cinemas. When it returns to theaters next month, it will be in 500.

"It's strange but in a wonderful way. I can't quite believe it's been 10 years already. But it's fantastic to go back and be a part of it," Kent says, speaking from Australia. "Considering that it only released on such a small number of screens, I feel proud that it's still enduring." "The Babadook," a chilling parable of parenthood that ushered in a new era of daring, cinematic horror films, is just one of many movies making an anniversary run in theaters this year. Look at almost any movie theater marquee right now and you'll probably see not just new titles but a smattering of older films, too.

At a time when nearly everything is available at home with a few clicks, nothing is surging on the big screen as much as yesterday's movies. Repertory cinema, once the home of the arthouse, is now in the multiplex, too.

And sometimes, the ticket sales can be eye-popping. In the last two weeks, the beloved 2009 stop-motion Laika Studios film "Coraline," by Henry Selick, has grossed more than \$25 million a staggering sum for a 15-year-old movie. Earlier this year, Disney's re-release of "Star Wars: Episode One The Phantom Menace" made \$19.4 million globally. This fall will see anniversary releases of "Shaun of the Dead," "Paris, Texas," "Whiplash," "Hoop Dreams," "Interstellar" and many more. It's not uncommon, of course, for restored classics to return to theaters. ("Seven Samurai" and "The Conversation" are among those that have this summer.) But it's a new feature of moviegoing that fairly recent movies are seeing wide re-releases — and that audiences are packing theaters for them. "The Babadook," a small independent film propelled



This image released by IFC Films shows Noah Wiseman, bottom, and Essie Davis in a scene from the film "The Babadook."

to cult status by widespread raves even William Friedkin hailed it as an instant classic will very possibly outgross the \$1 million it made a decade ago in North America.

"It has grown a new fan base," says Nicole Weis, vice president of distribution for IFC. "The majority of the fans didn't see it theatrically. This strategy of bringing it back was so people could see a film they've fallen in love with as they should, as it was intended to be, on the big screen." Theatrical hasn't returned to pre-pandemic levels. But that's partly due to theaters not having enough movies to show. The number of films released nationwide in theaters has lowered for various reasons. The year's movie calendar was significantly altered by last year's prolonged work stoppages. Partly to help fill such voids, the nation's three largest theater chains AMC, Regal and Cinemark in 2005 formed Fathom Events. It distributes, among other things, live broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera and special events like the annual Studio Ghibli Fest, which brings back classics from the Japanese anime studio. Its release of "Coraline," including 3-D screenings, set a new high mark for Fathom.

"The interest in classic movies has really gone up," Ray Nutt, chief executive of Fathom says. "This year we'll see a 75% increase year over year in this category." When Fathom started out, they mainly looked to play films on quiet days in cinemas, like Mondays and Tuesdays. But they've steadily expanded. Earlier this year, one of their biggest hits was a run of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy over Saturday-Sunday-Monday. Upcoming classics includes anniversary showings of "Rear Window," "Blazing Saddles," "Mean Girls" and "The Fifth Element."

"We joke around here a lot about what is the definition of a classic movie," says Nutt. "It used to be something like 50 years or whatever, and now we're talking about 'Coraline' at 15." Some streaming services tend to hide older film from their home pages. But in such a digital sea of content, how new a movie can sometimes be less relevant. ("Titanic" and "The Equalizer" have both charted this summer on Netflix's most-watched lists.) The differential between theater and home is becoming less about what's new and more about the viewing experience. Do you want to see "Jaws" on your couch

while flipping through your phone, or on a big screen with an audience collectively on the edge of their seats?

Mark Anastasio, the program director of the Coolidge Corner Theatre, a six-screen non-profit cinema in Brookline, Massachusetts, was struck by the appeal older films had when the Coolidge was reopening from pandemic closure. At the time, there were paltry first-run films to play.

"But the interest in the repertory never went away," says Anastasio. "We've got six screens here. It used to be that once or twice a week we'd run an older film at 7 p.m. And we've now increased our repertory offerings so that we're showing an older movie every single night of the week, including Saturday and Sunday nights. And the demand is there."

Now, Anastasio is finding he can program increasingly creatively, reaching deeper into filmmaker catalogues and the crowds keep turning up. This week he had a packed house for Spike Lee's "Inside Man" in 35mm, the other day Friedkin's 1977 thriller "Sorcerer" was a success. The Coolidge's upcoming plans include three weeks of 70mm screenings ("Lawrence of Arabia," "In-

ception") and a "Schlock and Awe" series of William Castle films, complete with their original gimmicks, like seats that buzz during "The Tingler."

Such programming isn't new for urban arthouses but it's expanding. Increasingly, older films are being shown on screens usually reserved for first-run movies. Some of that is out of necessity.

"There's about 20-30% less films being majorly distributed now than there were just five years ago," says Jeremy Boviard, the general manager of the four-screen Moviehouse in Millerton, New York. "There's definitely more holes in certain programming weekends." Boviard has had to be more selective about what appeals to Hudson Valley moviegoers, but some choices really click. Last year, that included the 40th anniversary of Jonathan Demme's Talking Heads concert film "Stop Making Sense." It was released by A24, which prides itself on cutting-edge contemporary films but has begun experimenting with re-releases. "Stop Making Sense" made more than \$5 million domestically.

The trend isn't likely to slow down any time soon. Studios now regularly comb through their archives and patiently await notable anniversaries. For Kent, it's a positive development in what she otherwise calls "a dark age for cinema."

"I feel like people still crave that experience," says Kent. "I went to see on the weekend Dryer's 'Ordet' and Bergman's 'The Seventh Seal.' Especially in 'Ordet,' it's such a transcendent film. The audience, we were collectively experiencing it. I could hear people crying at the end. It's the reason that we went to the cinema in the first place to have an experience. Not to sit on our couch while we're looking at our phones watching some sort of content.

It's not bringing out the best in us or in the work.

"For me," she adds, "I take it very seriously, because I think we need it." □

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# U.S. Open: Naomi Osaka gets her first top-10 win in more than four years by defeating Ostapenko

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A year ago, still on maternity leave and still unsure when she would play elite tennis again, Naomi Osaka visited the U.S. Open to appear with Michael Phelps for a discussion about mental health. While at the site, she sat in the stands to watch one of Coco Gauff's matches.

Osaka also already was thinking about being back on a court at Flushing Meadows, so much so that she was pondering what she might want to wear to compete. And there she was Tuesday at Louis Armstrong Stadium, overpowering No. 10 seed Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 6-2 while decked out, from her visor to her dress to the bows on her back and attached to her shoes, in lime green the color of this "Brat" summer, as it happens (IYKYK) and playing very much like a two-time champion at the place and a former No. 1-ranked star.

"I feel like being able to be a part of (designing) my tennis outfits gives me, I would say, a different strength, especially the U.S. Open outfits. I feel like they are a little bit more flamboyant. When I was putting



**Naomi Osaka, of Japan, reacts after defeating Jelena Ostapenko, of Latvia, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, in New York.**

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on my outfit today, I was, like, 'Ah, I hope this isn't too much,'" Osaka said with a smile. "Because I had the tutu, and then I had the bow jacket and it was green. I feel like everyone was staring at me."

Another player asked for a photo, Osaka said, adding: "I hope it was a positive picture (and) it wasn't, like, 'Oh, my God, look at her.' For me, when I put on the outfit, it's almost like a super suit, so I try to channel that."

Did that well enough Tuesday to register her first victory against a top-10 opponent in more than four years. Osaka claimed titles in New York in 2018 and 2020, along with a pair of trophies at the Australian Open in 2019 and 2021, and her matchup against 2017 French Open champion Ostapenko marked the first time two past major champs faced off in the opening round at the U.S. Open since Serena Williams defeated Maria Sharapo-

va five years ago. Another such contest came Tuesday night, when 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin beat 2021 U.S. Open winner Emma Raducanu 6-1, 3-6, 6-4. "Having two wins here means a lot, and I think for me, I've been struggling with confidence throughout the year," said Osaka, who returned to action at the Australian Open in January, her first Grand Slam appearance in nearly 1 1/2 years because of

mental health breaks and time away to have a baby. "This time now forces me to look in the mirror and say, 'Hey, you've done really well here. There's no reason why you can't do well again.'"

How's this for doing well? Osaka did not make a single unforced error in the first set and finished with only five, 16 fewer than Ostapenko. "I do remember thinking, 'I need to win this match so I can wear my other color.' That was very important to me," said Osaka, who is ranked 88th and received a wild-card invitation from the U.S. Tennis Association. "I guess you'll see my other color next time."

Next time will be Thursday against 2023 French Open runner-up Karolina Muchova, a 6-3, 7-5 winner against Katie Volynets of the U.S. Other women moving into the second round included No. 1 Iga Swiatek, who got past Kamilla Rakhimova 6-4, 7-6 (6) by taking the last five points after needing to erase a trio of set points because she trailed 6-3 in the tiebreaker, and past major champions Elena Rybakina and Caroline Wozniacki. No. 5 Jasmine Paolini, a finalist at the French Open and Wimbledon this year, beat 2019 U.S. □

# Guardians rally for 7-5 victory over Royals, reclaim sole possession of first place in AL Central

By **BRIAN DULIK**  
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**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Rookie Jhonkensy Noel singled home Josh Naylor with the go-ahead run in the seventh inning and the Cleveland Guardians rallied for a 7-5 win over the Kansas City Royals, reclaiming sole possession of first place in the AL Central on Wednesday. The Guardians trailed 5-2 entering the seventh, but scored four times to take their first lead of the afternoon. Bo Naylor homered off starter Michael Wacha, while Josh Naylor, Will Brennan and Noel had RBI singles against Lucas Erceg

(2-4).

Erceg was charged with one run allowed, his first in 12 appearances and 13 1/3 innings since joining the Royals in a July 30 trade with Oakland.

Andrés Giménez tacked on a sacrifice fly in the eighth as Cleveland avoided a four-game sweep in the series.

The Guardians and rookie manager Stephen Vogt had been alone atop the Central for 154 days until Kansas City pulled into a tie Tuesday.

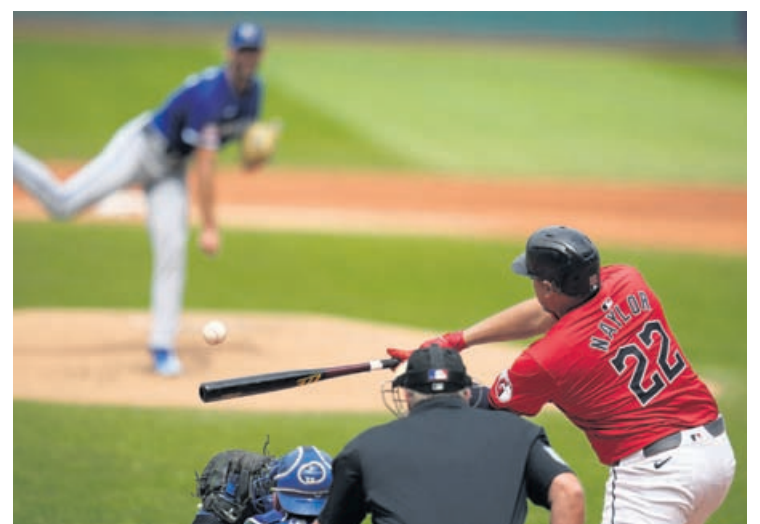
Eli Morgan (2-0) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory. Emmanuel Clase

earned his AL-best 39th save with his career-high 26th straight conversion and matched Cody Allen's franchise record with 149.

Kansas City had its seven-game road winning streak snapped and is 23-14 since the All-Star break. The Royals have clinched the season tiebreaker over the Guardians.

Bobby Witt Jr., Vinnie Pasquantino and Michael Massey hit solo homers off Guardians ace Tanner Bibee, who gave up five runs in five innings.

Pasquantino had a career-high four hits and is fourth in the majors with 97 RBIs. □



**Cleveland Guardians' Josh Naylor (22) hits a fielder's choice, scoring Andres Gimenez, in the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024, in Cleveland.**

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# NFL owners newly endorse private equity stakes of up to 10% in teams by league-approved firms

By DAVE CAMPBELL

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**EAGAN, Minn. (AP)** — The booming business of the NFL will now be open for more business.

League owners voted their carefully crafted approval of private equity in club ownership, putting in place a provisional new rule on Tuesday that lets certain firms buy up a stake of up to 10% in any of the 32 franchises that have soared in value over the past few decades like few other industries.

At a special meeting in Minnesota, nine days before the regular-season opener, owners for the first time opened their teams



Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt speaks on behalf of the NFL's special committee on ownership policy in Eagan, Minn., Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024.

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to institutional investment after previously prohibiting it. Other major American sports leagues allow as much as 30% holdings by private equity firms, and it's also a common practice in international soccer.

"It's an access to capital that has been interest to us for a long time," Commissioner Roger Goodell said after the session at the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, which sits across from the headquarters of the Minnesota Vikings. "I think it's an appropriate thing to give teams that liquidity to reinvest in the game and to their teams."

The NFL with this vote permitted only four different groups to enter the arena: standalone firms Arctos Partners, Ares Management Corporation and Sixth Street, plus a consortium of five funds Blackstone, Carlyle, CVC, Dynasty Equity and Ludis. The approved list could well be extended in the future, but these selections from the initial vetting process were made based on having the cash ready to go right away.

Ludis was founded by Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Curtis Martin, who spearheaded the collaboration as part of his effort to include minority race investors in NFL ownership positions.

"This is something that we've long fought for and tried to find ways to encourage that," Goodell said.

In addition to the 10% private equity cap, there were other guardrails established.

Multiple funds can account for the 10%, but there's a 3% minimum investment for each. Each purchase must be held for a minimum of six years. There's a maximum of six teams that each of the approved funds can invest in, and no more than 20% of each fund can go to one NFL club. No individual investor can own more than 7.5% of a fund. □



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